

## Number of Establishments Gaining and Losing Employment

### From BLS about changes to Business Employment Dynamics Data

Data in this release incorporate annual revisions to the BED series. Annual revisions are published each year with the release of first quarter data. These revisions cover the last four quarters of not seasonally adjusted data and 5 years of seasonally adjusted data.

Another way to observe the dynamics of employment change is to count the number of establishments that opened, closed, expanded, or contracted during the quarter. A total of 10,207 establishments gained jobs from January to March of 2009. (See table C.) Of these, 7,708 were expanding establishments and 2,499 were opening establishments.

During the fourth quarter of 2008, 14,616 establishments lost jobs. Of these, 11,177 were contracting establishments and 3,439 were closing establishments. From January to March 2009, 23.6 percent of establishments were gaining jobs and 33.7 percent of establishments were losing jobs.

**Table C. Number of private sector establishments by direction of employment change, seasonally adjusted**

Category	3 months ended				
	Mar. 2008	June 2008	Sep. 2008	Dec. 2008	Mar. 2009
Establishments gaining jobs.....	13,172	12,187	11,978	11,464	10,207
Expanding establishments.....	10,157	9,492	9,213	8,607	7,708
Opening establishments.....	3,015	2,695	2,765	2,857	2,499
Establishments losing jobs.....	13,905	14,249	13,913	14,121	14,616
Contracting establishments.....	10,605	11,053	10,716	10,933	11,177
Closing establishments.....	3,300	3,196	3,197	3,188	3,439
Net establishment change <sup>1</sup> .....	-285	-501	-432	-331	-940

<sup>1</sup> The net establishment change is the difference between the number of opening establishments and the number of closing establishments. See the Technical Note for further information.